

# THE STATE CSBG DIRECTOR'S DIGEST

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This update contains information on possible funding opportunities (1), resources (1), events (1) and publications (1) that may be of interest to the CSBG network.

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:**

### **Assets for Independence**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) announces funds to support programs that empower low-income families to become economically self-sufficient for the long-term. Grantees provide financial education training on money management issues, and they assist participants with saving earned income in special matched savings accounts called Individual Development Accounts (IDAs). Participants use the IDAs to accumulate funds with the goal of acquiring a first home, postsecondary education, or starting up or expanding a small business. State governments, nonprofit, faith-based and community-based organizations, and DC government agencies are eligible to apply, and awards range up to \$1,000,000. The deadlines to apply are January 15, 2010, March 25, 2010, and June 25, 2010. For additional information, please call the AFI Resource Center at (866) 778-6037 or email [info@idaresources.org](mailto:info@idaresources.org).

## **RESOURCES:**

### **Building Native Communities: A Tribal Leader's Guide to Launching an Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Campaign**

From the First Nations Development Institute, with funding from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, this resource was developed to help tribal leaders build EITC campaigns in their communities. Authors provide an overview of the EITC, how the EITC can help support tribal communities and families, strategies that can be implemented to promote EITC uptake for this population, a timeline for EITC campaign implementation, and additional resources to support tribal leaders. For more information, please see:

<http://www.oweesta.org/sites/oweesta.org/files/BNC-Tribal%20Leaders%20Guide.pdf>

## **TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES:**

N/A

## **EVENTS:**

### **Two-Day Donna Beegle Poverty Institute**

**Portland, Oregon**

**December 10-11, 2009**

This intensive two-day Institute provides a grounded understanding of how we have come to our current understanding of poverty and what we can do to more effectively assist people in moving out and staying out of poverty. Donna will use role play, activities, modeling, and dialog as the format for presenting the core concepts. Donna provides meaningful, concrete strategies and materials that you can use right away to make a difference for those you serve. Learn more at: <http://combarriers.com/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=12>

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

### **Linking Data Across Agencies: States That Are Making It Work**

The DQC is highlighting leading states that are successfully linking data across systems and agencies to answer critical policy questions, specifically those aimed at improving student achievement. This issue brief co-authored by the DQC and the Forum for Youth Investment captures the current status of states' ability to link data across agencies and provides several state case studies that capture promising strategies to sharing individual-level data across systems and agencies to improve student achievement. Learn more at:

<http://www.dataqualitycampaign.org/resources/699>

## **INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS:**

**N/A**